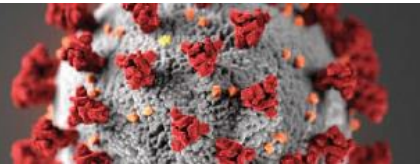




## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS



**Monday, March 16, 2020**

Following is an update from the City of Fort Lauderdale on the coronavirus (COVID-19).

### **Clarification on Drive-Thru Service, Takeout Orders, and Food Delivery**

The requirement included in the City of Fort Lauderdale's Declaration of Emergency Regulations issued on March 13, 2020 that restaurants in the City close for business daily at or before 10 p.m. and remain closed until at least 6 a.m. the following day, **does not apply to drive-thru service, takeout orders, and food delivery.**

### **Coronavirus Guidelines For America**

-Today, President Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued the following [Coronavirus Guidelines For America](#)

### **15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD ([Read the flyer](#))**

Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.

- If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
- If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.
- If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.
- If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
- If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
- Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
- If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.

### **DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS ([Read the flyer](#))**

- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts – use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
- Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
- Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- Practice good hygiene:
  - Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
  - Avoid touching your face.
  - Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
  - Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

### **Broward County Schools**

Broward County Public Schools has announced that Comcast has launched program enhancements to help students access the Internet during the Coronavirus crisis by offering two months of internet free. For information about the offer, please visit <http://bit.ly/2TUp9zd>. To learn more about Internet Essentials, please visit [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com) or call toll-free 1-855-846-8376.

### **Department of Health Information**

-The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) has launched a new interactive COVID-19 dashboard that features up-to-date information and data about coronavirus cases in Florida. To access the dashboard, visit <http://bit.ly/2wb29D2>.

-According to the Florida Department of Health, 1,805 people have been tested with 816 negative results, 160 positive results, and 829 results pending. There are currently 39 coronavirus cases in Broward County. To see the latest data from the FDOH, visit [www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19](http://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19) or <http://bit.ly/2wb29D2>.

-Individuals with questions related to the coronavirus should call the Florida Department of Health's Coronavirus Call Center at 1-866-779-6121 which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov. Individuals who are concerned that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should call 954-412-7300 before traveling to any health care facility.

### **Be a Good Neighbor**

We realize that the coronavirus is a fluid and rapidly evolving situation and it is understandable that many of our neighbors may feel anxious and concerned about the outbreak. We want to remind everyone that this is not a time for panic. It is a time for our community to come together and follow the advice of health experts by taking the necessary protective steps to help slow the spread of the virus. We encourage everyone to be well-prepared but to be mindful that there is no need to hoard groceries and supplies. Please be considerate of others. Buy what you need and leave some items on the shelves so that all of our neighbors have an opportunity to purchase the food and supplies they need for themselves, their families, and loved ones.

### **For Additional Information**

-For additional information regarding Coronavirus, please visit [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov) or [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.fortlauderdale.gov/coronavirus](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/coronavirus).

-Neighbors are encouraged to stay up to date by following the City on social media at:

- Facebook - [www.facebook.com/CityofFortLauderdale](https://www.facebook.com/CityofFortLauderdale)
- Twitter - [twitter.com/FTLCityNews](https://twitter.com/FTLCityNews)
- Nextdoor - [www.nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)

-Neighbors may also call the City's 24-hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

-To read the update on the City's website, please visit <http://bit.ly/38z5atX>.

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